

December 6, 2021

The meeting of the Little Creek Town Board was called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor Glenn Gauvry. Three Commissioners were present, Judy Hegman, Theresa May and Penny Gentry and 16 townspeople, Carol Williams, Bill Clark, Clay Crommett, Susan Freeze, Jason Courtney, Jada Courtney, Darla Courtney, Stephanie Courtney, Adrienne Hegman, Ed Strouse, Angie Strouse, Terry Gentry, Carol Pauleo, Joe Petrolius, Kelly Green, Steve Galvin.

The minutes of previous meeting were accepted in written form and a motion was made by Judy and seconded by Glenn to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Judy read the Treasurer's Report and a motion was made by Penny and seconded by Theresa to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried

Judy read a list of bills. A motion was made by Theresa and seconded by Penny to pay all bills. Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Dept. of Elections upcoming elections and contract, Statement of Understanding for Municipal Elections that needs to be signed and returned by January 2.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Watch – added Crime Stopper portion to our website. Upper right-hand side of website when you click on that you will see a phone number to call any time you have seen something in Town that's the number to call. You can call DSP if you wish, but we have been told that calling this number is a more effective because they will make sure it goes to the right agency for that call. When you click on that you will see a portal for Crime Watch and you can put in address and give all crimes occurring within that general area. It is not fast, but it showed up for Little Creek. Glenn had to put in 6 months to get it show things. Will not see something that happens last week. They have access, understanding with other agencies to access their databases, but they are not on a week to week basis, but the information did show up. Ed Strouse agreed to be Town Watch Leader and there is a meeting tonight with Crime Watch at Kent County Levy Court. Ed, Darla Courtney and Sam Gentry starting process for Town over the coming month Ed will begin to assemble what he feels is an effective process to mitigate problems we might be having in Town and keeping an eye on them and report back to Town Council in terms of anything he might need to support that effort. The other is, and Clay is looking into, is lighting the Park and getting some sort of security monitoring, video monitoring of the Park as well. Clay offered to look into that, not finished yet and it is expensive.

Clay –Got back to Messina and told him to complete estimate, hoping by end of week to get that. Did not get a chance to get with City of Dover to set up appointment about pole lighting,

installing new pole. Move forward and do the job right. Job will be adequate lighting for the park area that is in the dark now and some ability to hook up a video camera or something. Light up the basketball, swing set area and some part of the Dog Park that would give good coverage. The Picnic area already has a light. Asked about City of Dover putting up another pole. They are sending an Engineer out. Clay called initially to see if they put flood lights up because there is a pole directly across from the post office that would be ideal for a flood light where one of the residents has said they believe things going on and they have a camera on that area and thought a flood in that direction and a camera in the opposite direction so if a car came into that area between our camera and the building their camera might be able to catch something. Response was no we do not have flood lights. But putting in a pole or poles and some kind of lighting solution would be a solution which is the same thing we have over the picnic area right now, which is really not a street light but seems to generate quite a bit of light. One light that exist now is up high on a pole but the Pavilion roof really keeps it dark because it is so high. But if it could be lowered it would shine the light more horizontally instead of over top the roof because the roof is offering protection to the people under it. Casting out, but being blocked by the roof of the Pavilion which is blocking what is going on underneath, but if you lower it down to get what's going on in the Pavilion it would diminish the amount of coverage it's got in other areas. Add another light underneath or adding second light making it more directional to allow more coverage as opposed to adding a flood light. Bill did put a motion activated light over Town Hall Door and it worked really well for a few months and it disappeared. Bill thought people were doing nasty things behind the building and they didn't want the light coming on so they took it and did something with it because it's not there anymore. Could put up higher one with a higher ladder where nobody could knock it down unless they stand on somebody's shoulders to take it down. It did provide a lot of light. We'll wait and see what they tell us and in terms of surveillance the cameras across the street will be adequate enough to pick up. There is no Wifi in the Post Office, there is internet though, but not on the Town Hall side. Town could hard wire something does not necessarily have to be Wifi only have one camera could hard wire it to the internet. Adrienne point out that did not have to hardwire it. Could get a little box AT&T so if you wanted Wifi and get one of those for \$50/month. If you pay for it outright it's only how much the activation fee is. You can take it where ever it's wireless. It's carrying off of AT&T. Basically a data plan using AT&T using cellular. Knows some who uses it, they live out by Clayton and they had Atlanta broadband and she used this and it works so much better no lagging. Might be a beneficial thing don't have to hard wire or run wires not pay extra money to install it. Monthly charge, roughly, \$25/box, \$30/service. Buy the box one time. See where are with that for next month. If Ed comes back with any recommendations that's some of the things he'll be able to find out and what other communities are doing to solve a similar problem and if it's something they're doing already that would be good for us no sense in reinventing the wheel. Clay strictly trying to do lighting unless we piggyback on the Post Office electric bill. Have to have our own power cannot piggyback on the Post Office. Have another issue, once we light up the park we'll have people who'll want to use the Park more because it is lit up that aren't the ones we're trying catch. Curve there, how do we keep people from going into the Dog Park or going over on the swings or playing basketball because not it's lit and they can do that. Policy is for dusk to dawn that's the policy. That's the policy for most parks in most Town's. Thinks there

is an insurance liability issue with it as well. Our insurance only covers dusk to dawn. Have to put up another sign too. People being who they are that once they see it is lit it's going to draw a different group of people. That's just the way it is. We'll solve the problem as it comes, but be prepared one thing will bring something else.

Code Enforcer – nothing to report. Have not received anything from Dennis. Glenn reached out and told him to contact Theresa. Does send Glenn emails that he will be sending certain things to Theresa, not sure if he's doing that or not. Easier for Glenn to step out of the middle of this between Theresa and Dennis. If not effectively communicating with Theresa and not effectively doing his job eventually need to terminate. Theresa said we are about at that point. Need to have an alternative can look at where we were and took us three years to find him. Theresa can think about and get back with Glenn about. Town has a code enforcer sounds good until you have to find these people. We have one but it may be that it's not working out the way we anticipated and may need to find a new one. Town does pay the person. Jason may have contacts does work for the County. He wasn't full time or part-time he worked a few hours each week and walk the town see things that were code violations and pass them along to Theresa, who in turn contacts the person who is in violation follows through on that. That's what he's doing giving about 3 hours a week, it varies. So if there are other options for other people to do this on that level, for the Town it adds up and if you're not getting your monies worth not work paying for at all.

Ed had indicated typos in Town Ordinance. Glenn agreed. Megan Robbins offered if Glenn sent documents, she would redo documents. Will send her old and new revised one. Revised one is only a few changes over the years, but in a format that does not allow us to search. Have to retype the whole thing into a Word document that is clean. Asked her to reconcile between the old and new to make sure there is nothing missing in the transfer of the two. She has that. When she's finished and Glenn gets the copy he'll pull the old one off the webpage and replace it with that.

Dog Park – big bags. Susan got already.

Traffic Calming – Town has “traffic engineer”. About a year ago Clay started monitoring traffic and its pretty sophisticate what he does. Go on website one of the menu items is Traffic Flow. Download Traffic flow to show report for previous month, what the traffic was in Town, time of day and speed limits they were. Had 63,000 cars through Town last month and 53,000 are speeding. Ask Clay to send to various agencies that Glenn has been leaning on to get help with traffic issues and they love the stuff because it's so well done. The next thing you know is DelDOT is telling people Little Creek has Traffic Engineer. Stuff is good and they're using it changed the conversation to just being a squeaky wheel, which we still try to be, to have actually hard data to put in front of people and show them what we are doing. Takes from all pages, Grand total for month, speed, volume and time of day so people can see. For November, Glenn pulls out the .pdf, that way people can see the Month, Speed, Volume, What times of Day. Dan Coleman, Troop 3 Traffic, he saw the numbers and he said whoever was doing this to call him. DelDOT liked the format of it and liked that we had the times, the speeds, the volume. A Troop

3 office saw it in the Grill, he's in charge of sending troopers to various places for traffic control, he said based on the volume he saw and the times of day we can identify that towards the end of the month if he's got officer's who are down on their quota, not meeting their matrix, they would send them down here because they could rather quickly hone in on our peak times and write their tickets. So we'll see if that materializes or not, but that one's out there. Joe saw DSP pulling over speeders by old restaurant used to be. That's a good thing and it's not costing us anything because they need their quota. We have plenty to give them, 53,000 cars last month, could have kept them busy for a long time. On a more long-term solution, have been working on, and it's built into bigger plan we have developed with the U of D. Ran into problems with ag community not feeling they could get some of their vehicles through Town with things we had proposed to slow traffic down so we're back to square one. But moving forward with that have had several conversations over the past month with Eric Buckson, Levy Court not our Commissioner Alan Angel is our Commissioner, but he sits on one of DelDOT Traffic Committees, and he became aware of our traffic situation and reached out to Glenn to ask about what we had be doing so far. Had a good conversation about what we have been working on what the obstacles were and he took it upon himself to start leaning on people at DelDOT, because he sits on the DelDOT committee, got them to agree that they would be willing to put several speed tables, kind of like speed bumps but a little bit longer, in Town. Glenn has been pushing for 3 crosswalks Grill, Church, Dog Park. That's not going to slow traffic down that much at least it gives people a safe way to crossing the street, which right now there isn't any. Told him that in the past been an issue with the Fire Company not being favorable to speed tables and it may be an issue with snow removal since we're on an Evacuation Route. He said that in his district he has both of those situations repetitively throughout his District and that didn't seem to be a problem. So Eric reached out to Chief Bundek, they talked and the Fire Company said they were with speed tables as long as they input to where they were located. They are 22 ft, go across the whole street. Something across the road you're going to have to slow down for because it makes the road a little bumpy. Glenn talked to Alan Angel and Commissioner Buckson getting ready to meet with Ag all farmers in area and if Ok it If they're Ok with it and DelDOT Ok, snow removal evacuation routes Fire Company ok with it, it becomes a funding issue, but it's a solution that everyone seems to be able to sign off on. They are loud. The first step is to find out and where Fire Company will accept them. Town has been running through one thing after another until it comes to a point when the Town says we're Ok with the traffic. Thinking about people who live on Main St, put it closer to the bridge noise no so bad. Have to get everyone's input to it. But if nobody wants them. They will not put up stop signs and no lights, no bump-outs, no exaggerated median stripes, you could give a list of things and most of them they would tell you we cannot do for one reason or another. Narrowed down to crosswalks, some notice that someone is standing there waiting to cross, but isn't going to slow people down, and speed bumps. Other than that have not been successful. Challenge a lot of things that are successful and will not work with Farm Equipment. Where we are right now this is something we can do. Would be nice to start with something we can do. The other thing we do, and have been looking at this for a while, might need legislation to change. There are devices that will track a speeder and issue a ticket in other states, but don't have them in Delaware. Have them for traffic lights but not for speeding. If we could get legislation passed where they would be

allowed at least for small Towns, like Hartly, Leipsic and Little Creek, where we don't have the ability to have on-going traffic enforcement. Maybe they don't have them for the bigger Towns, but it would carve out a niche for the Town's that struggle with this issue and allow us to use them that would be a great solution, but not allowed to do them in Delaware yet. Bill asked about craving depressions in the roadway where they wouldn't be hit by a plow carved individual depressions to slow people down. Not sure if it's allowed. What about the speed limit signs that flash the colors, would DelDOT work with us on those. They have them in Dover and Camden. If you look at the traffic data that Clay has compiled that's on our website you would be shocked at how fast people are going. Short of shooting the tires out they will continue to speed no matter what we do. We know that the people are not coming from just one end of Town, both directions and we don't anything such as a light, have a sign at the north end but nothing at the south end of Town. The sign doesn't work half the time at the North end. Some people have driven through countless times and nothing is showing on sign. Have a lot to get attention drawn we don't rise to the threshold within these agencies for them dedicate people to our Town. When they look at our demographics they look at the size of the Town and look at the money and the expenditures and look all the other squeaky wheels it ends up that what we get done, and we've gotten quite a lot done, is we don't let up, we're kind of relentless on being that squeaky wheel, and sooner or later we cobble enough data or different points together, that we get something done. Unfortunately it's not as easy as picking up the phone and talking to someone at DelDOT. Susan asked if the Town had checked into partnering with other small towns for a police presence. No we have not. That was discussed at the meeting last week. The Mayor of Frederica was here and they are paying someone who works part-time, who works for Camden, 2 people. When we explored how much part-time cost is half Town Budget. She asked about grants available. Ed had mentioned in the meeting before that grants were available for this sort of thing. Brought that up specifically with the Mayor of Frederica. To put things in context our revenue is \$22,000, from all sources, half from the Post Office, taxes, the a couple thousand from rentals. Frederica's annual revenue is \$890,000. They said that they do not bother going after those grants because they said you won't get them. So if they don't get the grants we won't get them. You have to have an existing Department to begin with to qualify for them. So we would have to have a Police Department or a part-time person or somebody to be able to ask for help to augment cost. So we have to start before we could do that. He also was asked about paying and what the part-time person costs and it was around \$20,000/year. Would it be worthwhile to write a letter to the Governor and send the stats that Clay did? Those stats are mind boggling to see that 36,000 of the 43,000 cars in October were speeding over 9 miles an hour. Right now we are sending them to Carson, DelDOT, Mike Hahn, Delaware Bayshore By-Way, Jules, Kelly Verwick, were sending them to Alan Angel too, not sure if that's any help since he's economics, he has the other Commissioners ear and Buckson, we have his ear now. We should probably be sending them to Eric Buckson. Glenn will give Clay his email

Susan has not been able to find proposed changes for Land Use Ordinances. She was directed to website and found the proposed Ordinances.

COVID – ARPA send email to law firm, made suggestion asked for money to be spent on traffic

enforcement. Problem with ARPA funds it is very confined to the relief of COVID effects on small Towns. Paying employees more, protection equipment, hand sanitizer, masks. Can't think of anything for COVID that affected our Town. Due to COVID DSP not enforcing traffic. Because they don't want to have person to person contact with motorist by having them rolling the windows down and having them sign papers. The only nexus he could draw between our Town and the money we could collect. Asked if they had any suggestions from other small Towns and let him know what the other small towns similar to us, if they were able to find some way to spend that money. Haven't heard back yet. How to spend free money and do it in a way in keeping within the rules. The things we really need to spend the money on we're not allowed to spend the money on. But going to spend the money on way or the other. Is there a way we can spend the money fixing up the original Town Hall to make it more compliant with sanitation/ COVID steps? Too small in there to put to many people, like the group at the meeting tonight couldn't meet there under current regulations, although we used to do that, but we can't know. When COVID first came out of the concerns we had was to put a sign up to solve the problem because we didn't have anything material to solve it, which was we had a sign saying we didn't wipe down and sanitize any of the surfaces. Glenn was sitting on the weekly meetings with the Governor at the time and a lot of communities with their parks were doing just that, services that would come in and wipe down all the contact points, a couple times a day. Wondering if there are certain things we can spend this money on along those lines too. If we bat out zero on the traffic maybe there is something we can do the enhance entry way to the Dog Park or the signage into our Park in general or a dispenser that in time of need all we need to do is fill it with a fluid but have to have a device, hand sanitizer equipment, keep it under wraps until we actually need it, but when we need it it's just a matter of putting fluid in it. They are not cheap which is why Town didn't run out and buy one and we just put a sign up instead. Need a way to spend money have \$15,000. Only have \$8,000 for this year, only half. Bags and dispensers are free. If you buy a case of the bags. Jason said they have them at all the Parks. It's a 6 pk and they are \$65, but it comes with bags and dispenser can get from State Janitorial. If dispenser breaks they will replace the dispenser for free. It will be something to buy and can use it to clean hands after cleaning up after their dog(s). Will wait to hear from law firm. They have a team set up they sent some stuff to Judy and are adding Bill to their list for webinars and that type of thing. Spend by end of 2022, interesting to see how Hartly and Leipsic and smaller Towns are using it in scale to us.

Land Development Ordinance (LDO) – meeting last week determined at that time to extend the comment period until 12/20, put notice on website, Resident's of Little Creek Facebook page, posted in 4 locations, not only posted on Facebook page. Stipulated needed comments back by that date. For comments, need to include: article, page number, section number and comment so we know what comment is specifically addressing. That was in the statement that went on our Facebook Page and also on the website. Fire Company, Kenny said get back within one week with issues Fire Company were concerned about to discuss those. For the record - Nobody who showed up for that meeting last came with a comment written. Not one person that had a comment, oral comment to say, brought a written comment then the 28 days that that comment period was there, posted on the website and 4 locations, didn't receive any written comments either. So find it somewhat disrespectful to this committee whose time, they put an awful lot of

effort into generating that over the period of about a year, to not feel that our time was worth a written comment even though we asked for that specifically to write written comments within the comment period of time 20some days and then come to the meeting with your comments written and let us know you were going to speak. None of that occurred. That having been said and Glenn wanted to say it, we postponed the comment period until the 20th and at which point we'll look over those comments, but our partner in this is both our Solicitor and U of D. They are not doing anything for the month of December so not until January before those comments can be integrated into the document. Bill and Glenn can start to look at them and have some discussion with Town Council, but won't be able to get Jennifer's team back on board with that until January. Once they are put into the document, as a whole, the ones we choose to put into the document, and it's checked to make sure that every other place that that might be mentioned has been reconciled out so it is not just cut and paste. We'll have another public hearing. Probably not have hearing until February. Once we have a January done, middle of January when it's done, 20 days to notice that puts us into February. Probably February before we have another opportunity to vote on this. Posted on website and Town Resident's page. Not the Town of Little Creek Facebook Page but Town Resident's page. The Town of Little Creek has an official website and Notice is on website. Official business is on Town's website. Can't say that about any other source, but official business is on website. If doing something on your phone can be harder to find. If something is not there let Glenn know and he will make sure to get it there. Under News and Events.

Storm Water – Duffield is finished. Final report taking a long time saying there is a lot more in the report than they had anticipated. Stay tuned. We owe them the balance of that money from a grant. Glenn reached out to her and they fill out the form and Glenn has to do is sign it. Hasn't done that yet but when she does he will sign it. That will get part of their money, the last part they won't get until they give us the report. Report from Stone Tavern north. Study didn't go from Stone Tavern south, which is desperately needed which would encompass the spillway/dam on Zimmerman property up river when we get to it. This one is being done now and when done our understanding is with partners on this we can get funding to do the second half and once we get second half done we'll have for the first time a complete understanding of our flood situation. We have pretty good material from the engineers AECOM, that helped us with our Comp Plan and all the charts and everything in the back of the CMP, but this one goes much deeper drills down underneath our road, reviews or storm water system looks at our drainage out through the Jarman property, it looks at the feasibility, which is something we have in our Master Plan of not being dependent upon property outside of our Town to deal with our water issue. Actually create a couple containment areas within Town and that would hold the volume of water that we are normally trying to see exit Town, which it's not existing Town. In order to get it to exit Town we have to have permission and easements from these other property owners, who in the past, have been reluctant to give them to us. Nevertheless it's still not a really good situation for the Town to be dependent on the properties around you for your water issue so we are looking at trying to solve that in house. This study will allow us to see whether that is feasible. There are already designs that have been done we don't know if the designs work. The study is going to show if the designs will work and if they will work then it's a matter of getting the funding to actually

implement them. It starts with this study.

Banners - Glenn has one in car will give to Carol. Lost 7. Our understanding is the reason they are coming down is they were not put with bands, Carol found out. When we go those all the stuff to install them properly and we borrowed the machine from company who manufactured them the tool, which is expensive, and bands these to the poles. It's a banding tool for big bands – mounting hardware, which you can put screws in it, has slots for bands to go through and it's the way you see a lot of things done on poles that way. Apparently they weren't put up with the bands. Next spring get what's missing, get new bands, get a tool, gave tool back to company. Bands are at the Town Hall in box. Asked Scott if they would put them up and he said yes, but we would have to mark the poles they should go on. Zip ties were used were too thin, which is why they fell off. Mark Wooleyhand did project. Used Lag bolts to bolt the brackets into the poles instead of the bands. The lag bolts have the brackets attached to the poles. The rods that the banners hang from were attached to the brackets with zip ties and the zip ties broke in the high winds. If we can get an inventory on the parts that are missing and what we need to finish the job properly on the other stuff we can get idea as to cost. Missing poles banner hung from, horizontal poles Bill asked what they were made from he was told fiberglass, but maybe we can use PVC plumbing pipe. PVC plumbing pipe has its limitations, not designed for this, and would go with fiberglass like fishing rods. Missing those rods.

Air Quality monitoring in operation. First town to have monitors to measure air quality, working with nonprofit organization and DNREC to get this done and did not cost anything. If have them that's great and if you would like to have one may be able to get them to come back around and put some more in. Idea was we wanted in Comprehensive Plan, we're also the first Town in the entire state to have an air quality component in our Comp Plan and one of the things we were worried about was an aging population. When we talk about things that put our lives at risk we tend to look at the most obvious but there are a lot of subtle things we are exposed to Water Quality, Air Quality, being two. Air Quality the particulate matter, the air borne particulate matter in our Town because of all the traffic that goes through Town is rather high so people who have respiratory problems and elderly people and so forth it aggravates those conditions so being able to monitor the level of that airborne particulate is one of things we were trying to accomplish with those monitors, which we have in Town. Go to website, Air Quality, brings up map of Town shows everyone of the monitors we have in Town and will give you a color as to whether the air quality at that particular days is good or bad in that part of Town. You can click on that item itself and will give you more detailed information. Added another component. When you click on Air Quality added a section that maps cancer causing air pollutants. Site that tracks all the United States. You can put in your address and it will bring up that, but there are a number of carcinogens we breathe here. Some of them come across the bay from NJ. The one a lot of people are concerned about is ethylene oxide. There is a problem with a couple communities in New Castle County with ethylene oxide. Don't seem to have a problem here, but have been told though they are starting to look into it because it is moving across the Delaware Bay from NJ to DE. Air Quality is something we are trying to pay attention to. Not a lot we can do, but at least being aware of what we're being exposed to is a step. So the monitors are one thing to know

physically what the particulate matter is in Town and the portal Glenn added to the Air Quality thing is a way for us to at least start to be aware of issues that could impact us.

Water Quality something we are concerned about. It's in our Comp Plan because most of us with a few exceptions all have shallow wells. They've had a lot of problems in and around the Base because of run-off from the runways and so forth into the drinking water around there. Not sure how many people test their drinking water. Concerned about it added into Comp Plan language about it, but recently in our LDO, although we cannot seem to get an awful lot of guidance from the State since there's not a lot being done in this State, but we've added into our LDO suggesting to people who are building new homes that they think about putting in deeper wells than the wells we all have. Just recent legislation passed on a Federal level and adopted on a State level that going to look into water quality issues throughout the State of Delaware. Unfortunately, it does not look into people who have their own wells. So if you lived in Dover or are on a municipal system there's money that's going to be allocated and a lot of work that's going to be done making sure that the drinking water throughout State meets a certain standard, but a lot of rural communities are on their own wells are slipping into cracks. Put another section on Town's website, Traffic Flow, Air Quality, Water Quality. Click on Water Quality and there is a Water Quality portal DE Drinking Water Watch, DE Water Quality News all there have those three things. Look at the portal tell you what the water quality is in the Bay and the Rivers, click on the next thing tell you what the water quality is in the municipalities that have their water monitored, and the next thing let you be more abreast of the news that's going on about water quality issues. Not sure what we are going to be able to do on that but trying to stay on top of it. That's another issue. Recommend having wells tested once a year. Get wells tested. When you go to Water Quality link it will give you that information there. Drinking Water Watch – second bullet down.

Test kits that you buy and the one on the website will not test the things you should be most concerned about. It will test whether you're being impacted by agricultural run-off or nitrates. Live near a marsh and there is a lot of decomposing things in the marsh that shows up in your drinking water. It will show that. Those are things you should be concerned about too especially if you have someone who's pregnant and you have a high level of nitrates in you drinking water, which is very possible with a shallow well right next to a wildlife refuge or marsh, but there are more potent chemicals that come off of roadways and things like that that are in our aquifer that we're drinking those test will not, but you can get them tested but you have to pay extra for them. So you can get a blanket test that will give you a certain package and if you want more it could be \$50 for each one. Glenn is going to do his own property at the extensive level. Joe has a 300' well and if anybody has good water it's him. Joe can get the test he has to do on his well. They are extensive. Get a case from the Board of Health. Would be nice to spread them throughout Town so we get something South, Middle and North and both sides of the road and we could get those we could start to see if we have problem areas near that aquifer. Glenn was going to get some of Joe's water to have a baseline good water. Send in his and Joe's and see where we were. Joe had to switch over from domestic to public. Public tests for everything. Can get testing done at Public Health for a few dollars at the James Williams Service Center. Question is it testing for the same chemicals that come off the roadways and highways? Joe's

test for everything. Our Air and Water Quality right now until we can get something changed is our responsibility and trying to make people aware and give some tools, but it is something we should be paying attention to. There is a high cancer rate in Delaware and a lot of fingers get point around.

Ed, Darla, Sam Gentry attended Kent County Crime Watch Meeting. Kent County Crime Watch has Facebook Page and they post a lot of stuff there. One of the Crime Watch Communities talked about the Next Door App. DSP used to post to it was a good thing, but they stopped. DSP rep was Det. Jason Sinar going to talk to Corp. Jones, who is the Crime Watch guy for the County, also going to talk to Heather Pepper who is the Information Officer, between the two of them they should be able to reinvigorate the Next Door App. And get stuff posted back to it. Had to announce Little Creek was at Town Watch Meeting and asked for a brief on why we were there and Ed did. One thing is they know about some issues and have taken care of them. Talked about the speeding and pass along to Traffic Lieutenant that we have a serious speeding problem in Town and he is supposed to touch back with the Town. DSP website Crime Mapping when the guy came and talked about Crime Watch, went over that again. Shared some statistics from his report: DSP only incidents for 10/20 – 12/3: 35 thefts from vehicles 19 were from Frederica, crime caught the person. Caught them using cameras, people's personal cameras, saw him break into the car, followed another camera saw him go to another house and saw the neighbor's camera when he went into their house. They're saying cameras work that's how they busted this guy. Those 19 thefts were in 17 days – started 1 or 2 a night most thefts between 3-5 am. What can you do not a whole lot. Keep your property well lit and get cameras since that's how they caught this guy. Lock your cars, that's how they got into these cars kept checking until one opened and stole what they could steal, whatever they thought was of value they took. 12 stolen vehicles, Friday's are peak days. Talked about the whole incident they actually working on checking on a stolen vehicle. Clayton PD had a stolen vehicle as soon as they put it out chased the guy he ditched the vehicle, they tased him the cop got into a fight with him and got a head injury. So what they are saying is lock your vehicles and don't leave them running and it wouldn't have gotten stolen and the cop wouldn't have gotten hurt. It's the time of year when you have the biggest issue – you go out start your vehicle, go back inside and they're watching and they're getting most from the convenience store, pull up to the pump or in front of the store, people there waiting for someone to leave their car running and go inside the store and they're gone with it. Do not leave your vehicles running. If you have the ability to leave your vehicle running and take the key fob so you can lock your car and get back in your car and do that. Most of the newer cars are not like that, if you don't have the key fob in the car the car unlocks. Also stealing disabled vehicles from the side of the road now. Tow companies. They see a vehicle for a couple days alongside the road they come back and hook it up. If your vehicle becomes disabled, call the DSP Troop and let them know it's there and they'll come drive by it, but if you're having someone come and get it let them know so they don't think its being stolen. Catalytic converter thefts are down only had 5, usually in the early morning can be in and out in a minute. They did bust a guy who had a license to legally buy catalytic converters, but he didn't read all the provisions he couldn't buy them from private people who to be from a company so the shut him down and fined him. 13 residential burglaries, some were from the Frederica crime

spree, people breaking into cars, but mostly what the problem is people posting on Social Media I'm going away. DSP posts a lot on their Facebook page a lot of minor petty thefts. Chris Doer, Outreach Person, start doing presentations on setting up a Crime Watch in January. Once we get more established reach out to her and see when we want her to come and do presentation. Next meeting 4th Thursday in January at 7 pm. Working on an initiative, going to use the money from Alan Angel and working on getting the rest of the money needed. Once gets everything together tell the Town and if good with it, proceed with that. Ed told them what he was working on and wanted to do. No one gave money this time, maybe next meeting.

Darla lives at 168 Main Street said DNREC went to house next door. They had 3 deer hanging in the back yard. There were no drugs found. DSP was there with K-9's searched the house sheds and everything and there were no drugs found. Clinton Courtney had his own drugs in his pocket so he got arrested. The other 2 people who live there didn't get arrested. Brian did charged with having the deer and not being tagged so he got a \$3000 fine. With Zeke having his own issues going on with the State he was not supposed to be there because of the guns, so he got taken away. No other drug activity in the house, not cooking meth or drugs going on. Just wanted to clarify what happened and stop rumors. Not the first time they were there and probably not the last. One of the DNREC officers said they thought it was a big deal because they were cooking meth, but found nothing.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. by Judy and seconded by Thersa. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary